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### **ARNORTH hosts virtual annual disaster response exercise**

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** – U.S. Army North, U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command, will host approximately 750 military and civilian personnel from across the country to take part in its annual disaster response training exercise, Vibrant Response, Apr. 26 to May 8, through virtual collaborative software.

"While Vibrant Response 21 will be virtual this year, this invaluable training still provides an opportunity to work together with federal and state agencies to validate military units assigned to respond to CBRN events," said Col. Catherine Cherry, U.S. Army North Deputy G7 training directorate.

This year's exercise will train and certify Task Force 76 and its headquarters elements through a command post exercise, based on a simulated chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incident.

Task Force 76 is a deployable reserve component element that, when activated, provides command and control of military response forces in support of civilian responders to manage catastrophic chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) incidents.

The task force headquarters is an element of the 76th Operational Response Command, an Army Reserve formation located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Vibrant Response 21 will involve participants from the Department of Defense, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other military and civilian agencies across the United States.

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